

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 – 5:30 pm – Upstairs Meeting Room
Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Al Cummings, Chair, Michael Nelson, Christopher Boutwell

Staff: Gina McNeely, Director of Public Health

Minutes September 21, 2016:

Michael Nelson **motioned** to accept the September 21, 2016 minutes as presented. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.**

Director's Report for August 2016:

- Condemned garages on Second Street alley remain vacant
- 30 Park Street both the occupant and the landlord are working together
- Rau's Sunoco septic done (Sandri) also, the gas pumps have been removed
- Montague Ramblers Motorcycle Club proposed building lot has been perc tested
- Camp 2E moving composting toilet to the interior of the structure
- 40 and 42 Main Street in Montague Center contains two buildings on one lot. The sanitary sewage from the front house goes into town sewer; the back house will now have septic tank and pump chamber which will deposit sanitary sewage into the town sewer.
- Key safe to the EDS trailer
- Webinar on Zika Virus
- Smoking outside the backdoor of Town Hall continues to be an issue. Maybe we should have a shelter built.
- 4 K Street the occupant has now moved to Greenfield and Gina went to court for this matter.

Michael Nelson **motioned** to accept the August 2016 Director's Report. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.**

Director's Report for September 2016:

- 30 Park Street – Gina spent a lot of time on this including ensuring that there were smoke and carbon detectors
- 20 ½ G Street has been condemned as it was one of the worst little houses Gina has been in.
- Charles Kelley had complaints regarding his apartment and the need for inspections. He served both the BOH and Building Department a summons to appear in court. The court decided that it is between the tenant and the landlord, Danny Mason.
- Salsa Sisters was denied a Temporary Food Permit for Pumpkinfest. Gina spoke to the FDA and MA Food and Drug Department regarding bringing preserved food across state lines (interstate commerce) the manufacturer needs to be registered with the FDA to sell home canned products across state lines. Salsa Sister chooses NOT to follow the law in this regard and therefore cannot vend in Montague.
- Ongoing issues with Verizon for data usage (Was being charged \$30.00 per month and .25 cents a minute for data) for the iPad through grant money.
- Gina would like to review and separate the Body Art Regulations by Tattoo Artists and Piercers. Gina will begin to work on this and it will be reviewed in 2017.

Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to accept the September 2016 Director's Report. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.**

Health Inspector's Report for September 2016:

- 107 G Street work continues for the Health Inspector as well
- Ongoing food establishment inspections
- Investigated and resolved many complaints around town.
- 105 L Street had debris on the curb – couch which has been taken care of.
- 18 Sherman Drive had complaints of roosters crowing at 3AM both through the BOH and Montague Police Department.
- 30 Park Street is in a holding pattern awaiting the Attorney's approval to access the apartment for belongings due to the person not being on the lease.

*Michael Nelson **motioned** to accept the September 2016 Health Inspector's Report. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Other Discussions:

- Julie Datre has been reassigned from the receivership program with the Attorney General's Office. The Ms. Datre's successor is Attorney Kara Cunha has visited Montague and spent the one morning with Gina reviewing files. Gina then drove Attorney Cunha around town to view the most relevant properties in need of AG intervention. The Office of the Attorney General has the resources and expertise to research titles of the properties in question.
 - The Building Inspector had input regarding 78 J Street as David is not happy with the progress regarding the rehabilitation of this property.
 - 104 Third Street property owner failed miserably to adhere to his promise to rehab this property on a timeline.
 - 3 Norman Circle is on the list to be put into receivership.
 - 22 West Main Street is on the list to be put into receivership.
 - 97 Second Street is boarded and secured at this point.
 - 39 X Street has been sold at auction.
- Town Cemeteries – Ongoing research for new land.
- Green Burials – Ongoing research for appropriate land.

*Christopher Boutwell motioned to adjourn at 6:05 PM. Seconded by, Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

Meeting adjourned: 6:05 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

List of documents used at this meeting:

September Minutes
August Director's Report
September Director's Report
September Health Inspector's Report
Receivership Files
Cemeteries